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SUBJECT: CANADIAN OBSERVER FOR ALASKAN SPRING BOWHEAD
WHALE HUNT.

REF: (A) STATE 48888; (B) STATE 62442

GOC INFORMED EMBASSY BY LETTER DATED APRIL 21 THAT CANADA
WILL NOT SEND AN OBSERVER TO HUNT. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF
LETTER, ADVISING EMBASSY OF GOC DECISION SIGNED BY M.C.
MERCER, ALTERNATE WHALE COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA:
BEGIN TEXT. IN THE ABSENCE OF BOB APPLEBAUM, WHO IS
PRESENTLY ATTENDING THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, I AM
WRITING IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 27. THANK
YOU FOR INVITING US TO SEND A CANADIAN OBSERVER TO THE
1978 SPRING BOWHEAD HUNT AT ALASKA.
I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO
TAKE UP YOUR OFFER. IN DECLINING I SHOULD NOTE, HOWEVER,
THAT THE CONCERN WHICH CANADA EXPRESSED AT THE DECEMBER
IWC MEETING WAS WITH REGARD TO THE LEVELS OF THE LANDED
AND STRUCK FIGURES ESTABLISHED, NOT WITH THE ABILITY OF
YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ENFORCE THE REGIME WHICH WAS ULTIMATELY
AGREED.

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AS YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, CANADA ALREADY PARTICIPATES
IN AN OBSERVER PROGRAM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERNA-
TIONAL WHALING COMMISSION; WE ALTERNATE WITH NORWAY IN
PROVIDING OBSERVERS TO THE ICELANDIC WHALING STATION.
THESE OBSERVERS HAVE CLEARLY DEFINED RESPONSIBILITIES AND
REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE IWC. WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE
SECRETARY AMEND THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 1978 COMMISSION

MEETING TO FACILITATE A DISCUSSION OF OBSERVER PROGRAMS
FOR ABORIGINAL WHALING. I HOPE THAT THIS WILL RESULT IN
A PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE TOPIC AT THE JUNE MEETING.
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WE WISH THE USA EVERY SUCCESS IN ITS BOWHEAD RESEARCH AND
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THIS SPRING. END TEXT. ENDERS

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